



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Dodge County Sheriff's Office reports enforcement results from "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign



As part of state and national efforts to help keep roadways safe for all travelers, Dodge County Sheriff's Office deputies made 14 arrests of suspected impaired drivers during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign between December 18, 2020 and New Year's Day. Law enforcement officers from around the county also participated in a special grant from 8:00 PM on December 31, 2020 until 4:00 AM on January, 2021 that yielded an additional 5 OWI arrests for a total of 19 during the campaign.

While the focus of the initiative was to deter impaired driving, deputies assigned to the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign made 71 traffic stops in which citations and warnings were issued. There were also arrests during the traffic stops for the following:

- **6 speeding violations**
- **4 operating after revocation or suspension violations**
- **2 drug arrests**
- **5 misdemeanor arrests**
- **1 felony arrests**
- **1 warrant arrests**

"While the holiday Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign lasts about two weeks, our deputies work throughout the year to help make our roadways and communities as safe as possible for everyone." Sgt. Jermey Wolfe said.

Impaired driving is 100 percent preventable:

- If you plan to drink, identify a sober designated driver or find a safe alternative way home. Never allow someone to get behind the wheel impaired.
- Protect yourself and your passengers every time you travel. Ensure everyone is buckled up. Watch your speed and eliminate distractions.
- Download the free "Drive Sober" mobile app from the WisDOT website. The app includes a "find a ride" feature to help locate mass transit and taxi services.
- If you encounter a driver you suspect is impaired, call 911. Provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle and location.

For more information, contact Sergeant Jermey Wolfe.